

**BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY**

Minutes of the **Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting** held on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Bowen Island Municipal Hall, 981 Artisan Lane, Bowen Island, British Columbia.

**COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE**

Bob Lalonde  
Terry Cotter  
Doug Elliott  
Trish Jacquet

**COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Morse\*

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Peter King  
Teresa Plowright  
Gayle Ferguson – Minute Taker  
(\*denotes partial attendance)

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

**Election of Chair and Vice Chair****It was Moved and Seconded**

That Bob Lalonde be re-elected by acclamation to serve as Chair of the Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee for the year 2008. CARRIED

**It was Moved and Seconded**

That Doug Elliott be re-elected by acclamation to serve as Vice Chair of the Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee for the year 2008. CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****It was Moved and Seconded**

That the agenda for the January 9, 2008 Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee be approved as amended. CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Minutes of the November 21, 2007 Meeting

**It was Moved and Seconded**

That the minutes of the regular Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee meeting held November 21, 2007 be adopted. CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Emergency Communication –  
West Vancouver Schools

Trish agreed to resend to the Chair the names of Vancouver School Board contacts for BC Ferries. The Chair will forward the information to Dave to include in BC Ferries Customer Recovery Check List document.

BC Ferries Green Initiatives

The Chair noted he had received an e-mail from BC Ferries stating the BC Ferries Green Initiatives document would stand as is. The Chair agreed to speak to staff as to how the information contained in BC Ferries November 7, 2007 presentation should be communicated to Council.

Schedule Recommendation

The Chair noted that the new Ferry schedule was publicized but now had been changed. He read an e-mail dated January 8, 2008 from Jason Bowman, BC ferries, which noted the intent of the schedule was to reduce dock conflict situations and would now be implemented for the summer schedule only and the schedule would revert back to the former schedule for the fall/winter period.

The following issues were discussed:

- Adjustment required – for publishing, for commuters with work schedules and time between sailings;
- Latest adjustment and new schedule had not been officially communicated to the Translink operator on the Island;
- Rationale given for the change is that there are more boats in the summer. Does this mean that the level of non-reliability is now acceptable?
- Schedule communication must be with other common carriers including Translink contract on Bowen Island and West Vancouver buses.

The Chair agreed to e-mail Mr. Bowman to inquire regarding his non-response and the Committees desire for a year-round schedule.

**Cut-off time** The Chair noted that the e-mail received from Jason Bowman, BC ferries had indicated cut-off times would be 5 minutes at Snug Cove and 10 minutes at Horse Shoe Bay. The Chair had responded asking for clarity as to what these cut-off times would entail.

The Committee agreed communication was an issue and requested the Chair accept Mr. Bowman's invitation to discuss concerns, in particular, concerns related to communication and receiving answers from BC Ferries.

**Performance Measurement** The Chair agreed to communicate with BC Ferries the Committee's concerns to have the on-time allowance for performance measurement be 5 minutes instead of 10 minutes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**BC Ferries Survey of FACCS – Application of rate increases** Terry reported on the BC Ferries Survey to the various Ferry Committees. He noted the following:

- BC Ferries prepaid tickets are going up 10 percent, which was more than cash fares. Question was whether we would prefer prepaid and cash fares across the board so they are the same;
- Small routes commercial fares – freezing commercial rate as a way to protect local economies. General consensus from Committees was they would not be opposed to seeing an increase for commercial vehicles.

**Horseshoe Bay Terminal Liaison Committee**

It was suggested that having the representative for the Horseshoe Bay Terminal Liaison Committee from the Chamber of Commerce could be useful.

Teresa Plowright indicated her interest to represent Bowen Island on the Terminal Liaison Committee

It was agreed that a decision would be made at the February 6, 2008 meeting.

**Smart Card Implementation**

The Chair agreed to communicate with BC Ferries the Committee's concern for informing ferry users in a timely fashion of the change with postings on the Ferry, flyers indicating the date of implementation and information on how to purchase a smart card.

**Refit**

The Committee requested the Chair to reconfirm with

Captain Graham that there would not be any refit this year.

Next Meeting

February 6, 2008.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.